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SITUATION REPORT NO. 09

NINE AHTISAARI LAWS PASS

1. (SBU) According to U.S. Office Pristina, the assembly approved a number of laws of particular importance to the Serb community, including legislation covering special protective zones, local self-government, and municipal administrative boundaries. A tenth law, regulating the foreign ministry, was delayed for technical reasons. (Kosovo MG/U.S. Office Pristina e-mail, Ops/U.S. Office Pristina telcon)

SERBIAN PM CALLS FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST RALLY FEBRUARY 21

2. (SBU) Serbian PM Kostunica asked all citizens to participate in a "Kosovo is Serbia" protest rally. All buses and trains to Belgrade will be free on February 21 to enable people from the surrounding areas to attend. The Serbian Interior Ministry urged citizens to express

their dissatisfaction in a peaceful and dignified manner.  
President Tadic called for an end to violent protests.  
(Kosovo MG/Embassy Belgrade telcon and e-mail)

MCDONALD'S ATTACKED, BOMB THREAT TO U.S. STEEL SERBIA  
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¶3. (SBU) Embassy Belgrade reports protestors stoned ten restaurants, and an anonymous threat was made on a U.S. Steel facility in Smederevo.  
(Kosovo MG/Embassy Belgrade telcon and e-mail)

GERMAN CABINET AGREES TO RECOGNIZE  
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¶4. (U) A government spokesman announced "the cabinet today agreed to the recognition of the Republic of Kosovo under international law and the start of diplomatic relations," according to media. (Reuters)

NORWAY INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE  
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¶5. (SBU) Embassy Oslo reports Norway's FM will shortly announce the country's intention to recognize, with formal recognition to follow next week pending a cabinet meeting and consultation with the King. (Kosovo MG/Embassy Oslo telcon)

SRI LANKA REJECTS RECOGNITION  
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¶6. (U) Embassy Colombo reports the foreign ministry issued a statement rejecting Kosovo's declaration of independence, citing its potential to set an

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"unmanageable" precedent and claiming it violates the UN Charter and UN Security Council Resolution 1244. (Colombo 172).

¶7. (U) Minimize considered.  
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